# **Proof of Claim**

These instructions will guide you through the process of filing a **Proof of Claim**, and adding a creditor to a case if one is missing.

STEP 1 Click the **Bankruptcy** hyperlink on the **ECF Main Menu** (See figure 1)



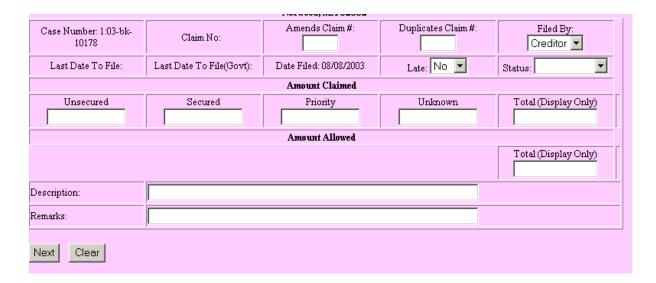
Figure 1

- The BANKRUPTCY EVENTS screen displays.
  - ' Click **File Claims** from the list of categories.
- STEP 3 The SEARCH FOR CREDITOR screen displays.
  - Enter the case number, including the hyphen, YY-NNNN.
  - ' Click [NEXT]
- STEP 4 The SELECT A CREDITOR FOR CLAIM screen displays.
  - Click the down arrow to scroll through the list of creditors.
  - ' Click the creditors' name to select it.
  - If creditor's name is not listed, skip to **STEP 8** for instructions on how to add a creditor.
  - ' Click [NEXT]

### The **PROOF OF CLAIM INFORMATION** screen displays.

Proof of Claim Information For

Creditor Name Street Address City, State, ZIP



Fill in the Proof of Claim Information as follows:

- The greyed out areas are automatically filled.
- **Amends Claim #:** If the claim amends one previously filed, enter the claim number.
- **Duplicates Claim #:** If the claim duplicates one previously filed, enter the claim number.
- **Filed By:** Accept the default Creditor.
- Late: Accept the default No. The trustee or Debtor in Possession will determine if the claim was filed after the due date.
- Status: Always leave blank.

Fill in the Amount Claimed information by category.

**NOTE:** Amounts must be entered without \$ signs or commas. Use periods to denote decimals. The amounts in the different categories will be totaled and displayed in the Total (Display) box.

- Fill in the Description and Remarks boxes with additional comments to describe the claim, if applicable.
- ' Click [NEXT]

# **STEP 6** The **PDF ATTACHMENT** screen displays.

- **NOTE:** Before you attach the claim, it must be converted to a PDF format and stored in a folder on a hard drive or computer network. Supporting documentation to the claim should be imaged with the proof of claim and uploaded as one PDF document.
  - ' Click on the [**Browse**] to locate the claim on the hard drive or network.
  - ' Highlight the Proof of Claim PDF file.
  - ' Click on Open.
  - ' Click [**NEXT**] if te filename is correct.
- The **NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC CLAIMS FILING** screen displays. This will provide the claim number.
  - Print a copy of the screen for your records. This is the verification of hte date and time the claim was filed with the court

#### FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS IF THE CREDITOR IS NOT LISTED IN STEP 4

- STEP 8 At the SELECT A CREDITOR FOR CLAIM screen.
  - ' Select [Add Creditor]
  - ' Click [NEXT]
- STEP 9 The CREDITOR PROCESSING screen appears.
  - ' If the case number is correct, click [NEXT]

## STEP 10 The ADD CREDITOR screen displays.

Enter the creditor's name and address in the following format:

Name: Jane Doe

Address 1 1111 1st Ave SW Address 2 Seattle, WA 98158

- Leave Type at the default Creditor.
- Click the Last Entry radio button.
- ' Click [NEXT]
- The **ADD CREDITORS** screen appears with the total number of creditors entered.
  - ' Click [NEXT]
- **STEP 12** The **CREDITORS RECEIPT** screen displays.
  - ' Click [File a Proof of Claim]
  - Follow **STEP 4-STEP 7** to file your claim.